In the Claims:

1 1. A system for transmitting short voice message service (SVMS) messages to an 2 intended recipient through a radio communication network, said system comprising: 3 a first communication station, comprising: 4 a packet-data generator for converting an SVMS message into a packet-5 data format for transmission; and 6 a storage device for electronically storing the SVMS message until it can 7 be transmitted to an SVMS-MSC; and an SVMS-MSC for receiving the packetized SVMS message and storing it until it can be transmitted to the intended recipient. 2. The system of claim 1, further comprising a microphone in the first communication station for receiving an audio input, converting it into electronic signals, and providing the electronic signals to the packet-data generator. 3. The system of claim 1, further comprising a text to speech (TTS) converter in communication with the first communication station for converting a text file into digital audio 2 form and providing the digital audio signal to the packet-data generator. 3 1 4. The system of claim 1, wherein the intended recipient is a mobile telephone, and said system further comprises a home location register (HLR) for storing information regarding 2 3 the mobile telephone.

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- 1 5. The system of claim 4, wherein the SVMS-server queries the HLR to determine if 2 the mobile telephone is SVMS capable.
- 1 6. The system of claim 5, wherein the SVMS-server, upon receiving a response from 2 the HLR indicating that the mobile telephone is not SVMS capable, delivers the SVMS message 3 by an alternate delivery method.
 - 7. The system of claim 5, further comprising a voice-mail server in communication with the SVMS-MSC and accessible to the subscriber, and wherein the alternate delivery method includes storing the SVMS message as a voice-mail message on the voice-mail server.
 - 8. The system of claim 4, wherein the SVMS-MSC queries the HLR to determine the location of the mobile telephone.
 - 9. The system of claim 1, wherein the first communication station is connectable to the Internet such that the SVMS message may be transmitted to the SVMS-MSC through the Internet.

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- 1 10. A method of enabling the transmission of an SVMS message from an originating 2 station to a target station through a wireless telecommunication network, said method comprising 3 the steps of: 4 receiving an SVMS message in packet-data format in an SVMS server; 5 storing the SVMS message in a data storage device in communication with the 6 SVMS server: 7 determining a transmission path to the target station for delivering the SVMS 8 message; and transmitting the SVMS message.
 - 11. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of verifying delivery of the SVMS message to the target station.
 - 12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of sending a delivery confirmation notice to the originating station, upon verifying delivery.
- 13. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of determining if the target 2 station is SVMS capable.
- 1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the step of transmitting comprises transmitting 2 the SVMS message to the target station upon determining that the target station is SVMS 3 capable.

- 1 15. The method of claim 13, wherein the step of transmitting comprises transmitting 2 the SVMS message to a voice-mail server for storage.
- 1 16. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of sending to the target 2 station a notification that the SVMS message was transmitted to a voice-mail server.
- 1 The method of claim 10, wherein the SVMS message is received from an SVMS portal.
 - 18. The method of claim 18, wherein the SVMS portal is a World Wide Web site accessible by subscribers to direct that an SVMS message be generated upon the occurrence of a certain event.